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For : ENERGY ABSORPTION IMPACT SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
VEHICLE BUMPERS AND THE LIKE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office action dated March 21, 2005, Applicants traverse the election of species requirement, and provisionally elect "Species A" as shown in Figs. 1-12 and 15-18.

REMARKS:

Reconsideration of the species election requirement is requested.

Applicants request a one month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office action, and a separate petition to this effect is enclosed.

The Examiner entered an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 on the grounds that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>FIGURES</u>
A	1-12
B	13-18